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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 April 2003.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-30 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Application # 09/993,670 was filed on 11/27/2001. Claims 1-30 are subject to examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) and the Intellectual Property and High Technology Technical Amendments Act of 2002 do not apply when the reference is a U.S. patent resulting directly or indirectly from an international application filed before November 29, 2000. Therefore, the prior art date of the reference is determined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

Claims 1-8,10,11-18,20,21-28,30 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Reed et al. U.S. Patent # 6,263,209 (hereinafter Reed)

2. As per claim 1, Reed teaches a method for providing location-based event service comprising the steps of:

a) obtaining information indicating a current location of at least one mobile user, the at least one mobile user including a selected mobile user; (column 5 lines 54-63)

The reference teaches getting current location of the user at current time of day.

b) determining if at least one condition relating to a location of at least one mobile user is satisfied based on the indicated current location of the at least one mobile user (column 5 lines 54-67);

The reference teaches comparing the current location just taken with the attribute stored in the database (determining at least one condition) to determine whether an alert is necessary. Therefore when the comparing the current location with the attribute stored in the database is satisfied is same as determining if at least one condition (comparing) relating to a location of at least one mobile user is satisfied.

c) performing at least one event, if at least one condition is satisfied (column 5 lines 54-67) (column 6 lines 1-4); and

The reference teaches if the condition is satisfied an alert (one event) is generated.

d) determining a time interval to wait before repeating steps a)-c). (column 5 lines 54-67)(column 6 lines 1-4, lines 40-42)

3. As per claim 2, Reed teaches the method of claim 1, wherein the step of determining a time interval to wait comprises the steps of:

-selecting as the selected mobile user a mobile user that is least likely to cause a condition to be satisfied; and (column 5 lines 54-67) (column 6 lines 1-4, lines 5-20)

-determining the time interval to wait based on the selected mobile user (column 5 lines 54-67)(column 6 lines 1-4, lines 40-42).

4. As per claim 3, Reed teaches the method of claim 2, wherein the step of

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determining a time interval to wait based on the selected mobile user comprises the steps of:

-estimating a time at which the selected mobile user is likely to satisfy a condition based on at least one of: a distance from a current location of the selected mobile user to a region relevant to the condition, a velocity of the selected mobile user; and (column 5 lines 54-67)(column 6 lines 1-4, lines 40-42).

-determining the time interval to wait based on the estimated time at which the selected mobile user is likely to satisfy a condition and a time tolerance. (column 5 lines 54-67)(column 6 lines 1-4, lines 40-42).

5. As per claim 4, Reed teaches the method of claim 3, wherein the obtaining step comprises the steps of:

-searching a cache operable to store information indicating locations of mobile users for information indicating a location of the at least one mobile user; (column 5 lines 54-67) (column 6 lines 1-4) (column 6 lines 21-34)

The reference teaches portable subscriber unit records (Cache) the information indicating the locations of mobile user and later uses the cache to compare it.

-using the information indicating the location of the at least one mobile user as the information indicating the current location of the at least one mobile user, if the information indicating the location of the at least one mobile user is found in the cache; (column 5 lines 54-67) (column 6 lines 1-4, lines 21-34, lines 45-52) and

The reference teaches comparing the current location information with the attribute (stored in cache) to determine if the alert is necessary.

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-querying at least one mobile positioning server to obtain the information indicating the current location of the at least one mobile user, if the information indicating the location of the at least one mobile user is not found in the cache.
(column 6 lines 1-4,lines 21-52)

6. As per claim 5, Reed teaches the method of claim 4, wherein the at least one event comprises transmitting a message (column 5 lines 54-67) (column 6 lines 1-20).

The reference teaches the alert message is transmitted to the mobile user.

7. As per claim 6, Reed teaches the method of claim 5, wherein the message is transmitted to a mobile user. (Column 5 lines 54-67) (Column 6 lines 1-20). The reference teaches the alert message is transmitted to the mobile user.

8. As per claim 7, Reed teaches the method of claim 5, wherein the message is transmitted to a non-mobile user (Column 6 lines 31-62).

The reference teaches updates the second customer (non-mobile user) about the delay of the sales person (Mobile user) who was scheduled to arrive at a certain time.

9. As per claim 8, Reed teaches the method of claim 4, wherein the at least one condition relates to a location of one mobile user (column 5 lines 54-67) (column 6 lines 1-20).

The reference teaches the comparison is made between current location and time with the attribute to alert the user. So as stated in example in column 6 lines 5-20 if the user is still in the building (location) before the building closes in 10 minutes, it is going to send an alert message (one condition).

10. As per claim 10, Reed teaches the method of claim 4, wherein the at least one

condition relates to a location of a mobile user and to a time. (column 5 lines 54-67) (column 6 lines 1-20).

The reference teaches the comparison is made between current location and time with the attribute to alert the user. So as stated in example in column 6 lines 5-20 if the user is still in the building (location) before the building closes in 10 minutes (time), it is going to send an alert message (one condition).

11. As per claims 1-8,10,11-18,20,21-28,30, they teach same limitations as claims 1-8,10 respectively, therefore rejected under same basis.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negatived by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 9,19,29 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Reed et al. U.S. Patent # 6,263,209 (hereinafter Reed).

12. As per claim 9, Reed teaches the method of claim 4 wherein the at least one condition relates to locations but is silent on a plurality of mobile users. It would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of applicant's invention to apply condition relating to the location to plurality of mobile users instead of mobile user. The motivation for doing so would have been to involve more mobile users to be part of the location based event system.

13. As per claim 19,29 it teaches same limitations as claim 9, therefore rejected

under same basis.

Conclusion

14. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

A). "Method and Apparatus in a wireless communication system for creating a learning function" by Reed et al. U.S. Patent # 6,263,209.

15. A shortened statutory period for response to this action is set to expire **3 (three) months and 0 (zero) days** from the mail date of this letter. Failure to respond within the period for response will result in **ABANDONMENT** of the applicant (see 35 U.S.C 133, M.P.E.P 710.02, 710.02(b)).

16.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dhairy A Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-4066. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung can be reached on (571) 272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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